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SUBJECT: LAETRILE, TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT

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1. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ADDRESSED TO ALL
DIPLOMATIC POSTS ASKING US TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENT ON
VARIOUS MATTERS OF WORLDWIDE INTEREST. LATEST SUCH INSTRU-
CTIONS IN REFTELS CALLED FOR US TO APPROACH LOCAL HEALTH
AUTHORITIES ON USE OF LAETRILE AND TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT
ABOUT PUBLIC MEETING IN US REGARDING TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL
ACT.

2. AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT IN PREVIOUS CABLES REPLYING TO
SIMILAR CIRCULAR INSTRUCTIONS, THIS EMBASSY HAS ACCESS ONLY
TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND NOT TO OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN
THIS NEW COMMUNIST COUNTRY. MOREOVER, OUR RELATIONS EVEN
WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY ARE MINIMAL AND CONCERNED ALMOST
ENTIRELY WITH BILATERAL US-LAO RELATIONS.

3. EVEN IF WE DID ASK FOREIGN MINISTRY OR WERE ABLE
TO CONTACT OFFICIALS OF OTHER MINISTRIES ON VARIOUS
SUBJECTS, WE DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT THEY WOULD HAVE ANY
MEANINGFUL RESPONSES TO PROVIDE US. LPDR IS A VERY
UNDEVELOPED COUNTRY WITH FEW TRAINED PERSONNEL AND WE
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STRONGLY DOUBT THAT THEY HAVE THE EXPERTISE OR TIME TO
DOVOTE ATTENTION TO RELATIVELY SOPHISTICATED SUBJECTS
OF THE KINDS MENTIONED IN REFTELS.

4. BESIDES, EVEN IF COMMUNIST LAO GOVERNMENT DID HAVE
VIEWS ON SUCH MATTERS, OUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN TRYING
TO DEAL WITH IT ON SUBJECT OF WORLDWIDE INTEREST INDICATES THAT

IT WOULD BE UNWILLING IN MOST CASES TO DISCUSS ITS VIEWS WITH
AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

5. FOR THESE REASONS WE DO NOT PLAN TO APPROACH HOST
GOVERNMENT REGARDING LAETRILE AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT, AS
REQUESTED REFEELS, UNLESS DEPARTMENT SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTS
US TO DO SO.
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